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## Machinery Quotas Being Formulated For '43 Rationing

### Farmers Advised to Make Application To Rationing Unit

Quotas for new machinery and equipment for the 1943 rationing program are now being worked out by the USDA war board and will be forwarded to the counties soon.

Under the national farm machinery rationing program some 144 items of farm machinery will be rationed and any farmer wishing to buy such farm machinery must first obtain a purchase certificate by applying to the county machinery rationing committee.

State quotas representing the total amount of new equipment that will be available in Oregon next year include wheel tractors 407, milking machines 800, disc plows 39, grain drills 100, manure spreaders 124, small combines 272, tractor drawn mowers 328. Other machinery in similar proportion.

In most cases the production of new farm machinery will be cut to 25 per cent or less of that manufactured in 1941 in order to provide raw materials for the production of vitally needed war implements.

Repair parts should be sufficient to meet the farmers' needs for in most cases 130 to 140 per cent as much raw material is being allowed for the production of repair parts in 1943 as in 1941.

Application blanks for the purchase of new machinery are now on hand at the county agent's office and while the machinery rationing committee is not yet permitted to issue purchasing certificates farmers who are in need of new machinery may obtain application blanks and fill them out.

The farm machinery rationing committee for Morrow county includes Henry Baker, Frank S. Parker and Harry Duvall, regular members, John Wigham, Ralph Thompson and Clyde Tannehill, alternate members.

## Illness Fatal to Louis H. Fredrickson

Funeral services for Louis H. Fredrickson, 43, were held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel, Rev. Martin B. Clark officiating. Death occurred Friday, Dec. 11, at a Pendleton hospital, to which place he had been rushed by ambulance when it was discovered his condition was serious. He had been ailing for several days.

Mr. Fredrickson had been an employe of the Ferguson Motor company since August 1, 1927, serving that concern as head mechanic for more than 15 years.

Louis Homer Fredrickson was born in Leland, Ida., March 1, 1899. He was married to Verla Carmack on Feb. 17, 1920. Left to mourn his passing are his wife and children Don and Louise; three brothers, Ernest of Salem, Frank of Irrigon and George of Lewiston, Ida., and two sisters, Fannie Walker and Mrs. Bill Walker, both of Spokane.

### VETERAN CLERK HONORED BY LODGE

Mrs. Rose Howell was pleasantly surprised Monday evening when the Neighbors of Woodcraft, in recognition of her 30 years as clerk of the lodge, paid special tribute to her. A large cake commemorating her birthday on Dec. 13, was cut by Mrs. Howell as the climax to the covered-dish supper. During the lodge session which followed Mrs. Howell was presented with a beautiful chenille bedspread in token of appreciation for her long and faithful service to the order.

## Heppner C of C Buys Christmas Tree for Camp

Heppner's army camp, a detachment of the ordinance division stationed at the former CCC camp, will have a Christmas tree. This was settled at the meeting of the Heppner chamber of commerce in session at the Lucas place Tuesday evening. The club is supplying the tree, which the service men will decorate as soon as trimmings are provided.

Business ordinarily transacted at the regular monthly meeting was suspended in favor of a program which included a talk on the South Pacific war by Platoon Sgt. LaMoin Cox and a discussion of the new income tax bill by P. W. Mahoney. Both speakers answered numerous questions, answers to which clarified points that had been bothering their listeners.

Secretary F. W. Turner read a letter from Mrs. Walter Moore of Pendleton thanking the chamber of commerce for a \$10 check received for the Pendleton USO. There also was a brief report on the branch line railroad schedule which will go into effect after the first of the year.

## Court Disposes of Light Docket Here

Judge Calvin L. Sweek held a brief session of court Monday, disposing of a light docket.

In the case of D. Cox vs Milo Huston involving possession of a colt, the defendant failing to appear, judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

V. R. Rurnion and Frank Moyer settled their case out of court. Rurnion had filed suit against Moyer for commission claimed on the sale of a piece of land.

In the case of Cyrene Barratt vs J. G. Barratt, plaintiff was granted a decree of divorce. A minor son, James, was given into the custody of the mother.

The case of L. Redding vs Ola Redding was taken under advisement and the judge will announce his decision later.

The first grand jury since 1940 was drawn Monday. Frank S. Parker was named foreman and Cora Mae Ferguson secretary. Other members include H. E. Yarnell, Ione; M. Orlena Suddarth, Irrigon; James E. Barlow, Boardman; Paul Smith, Boardman, and Charles Mc Elligott, Ione.

## Mustangs Find Lone Cardinals Easy Prey

Heppner's fast-moving little Mustangs took an easy victory over the lone Cardinals in the first meeting of the two teams on the local court Friday evening, loping through to a one-sided score of 34 to 13. The locals jumped into a 13-0 lead in the first half, but this seemed to spark the determined Cardinals and they didn't refuse a score of 13 points just because it was unlucky.

Bucknum was the big gun for the Mustang offense, scoring 13 points while Hoskins was outstanding in every department for the Cards.

In a preliminary game, the Mustang "B" squad romped over the line to the tune of 23-8, with Ulrich as the hot shot of the "Colts." This was the 14th consecutive win in two seasons for the reserves.

The season will get underway in earnest following the Christmas holidays, when the Mustangs will tangle with Arlington. So far the local squad has only 10 games tentatively scheduled. This includes games with all members of the Big Wheat league, although Condon and Fossil have not signified their intention to play.

## Soldiers Occupy Former Civilian Conservation Camp

### Hinted that Camp May House Army Men for Duration

Heppner's Civilian Conservation Corps camp, abandoned by the CCC more than a year ago, is again in use, this time not by "brush marines" but by a unit of Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Occupation of the camp was accomplished late last week and after several days of cleaning and pointing up it once more presents an appearance of being a vital part of the community.

Army restrictions forbid too much airing of news about the set-up at Camp Heppner. A company of basic trainees in ordinance working in connection with the Pendleton army air base has been sent here for housing and training. The unit is in command of Capt. Sam Fleishman. The number to be trained here and the length of time the camp will be used are matters Capt. Fleishman is not concerned with. As he explained, the men sent here will be trained, be it one or 1,000 and the unit will remain here just as long as it is deemed essential.

Citizens of the community and some of the organizations already are planning assistance in entertainment for the soldiers. Capt. Fleishman expressed sincere appreciation for this attitude as well as a hope that mutual benefit will be derived from location of the company here.

## Dinner Invitations Wanted for Soldiers

Morrow county now has two units of soldiers, one at Boardman and the other at Heppner. Christmas is but a few days away and it is up to the people of the county to help in seeing that these boys have the kind of a Christmas they would ask for their sons, brothers and sweetheart in the service. This can be done by each family extending an invitation to one or more soldiers for Christmas dinner. Just call Mrs. Charles Buzzard, phone 833, Heppner, and tell her how many you will entertain and arrangements will be made to have them in your home Christmas day.

## Who Will Provide Trimmings?

Soldiers bivouacked at Camp Heppner have been guaranteed a Christmas tree. This was done by the Heppner chamber of commerce. Now comes the matter of tree decorations. The boys will do their own decorating if they have the trimmings to work with. Will some generous citizen or one of the organizations of the community come forward and see that the boys have these decorations? Then there is the matter of something in the way of gifts.

There are two repositories for soldier gifts in Heppner—Humphreys Drug company and F. W. Turner's office. The gifts originally were destined for the camp at Boardman, but since Heppner has a camp of its own it has decided to hold the gifts for distribution here. Many more are needed, so get on your pony and help fill up these boxes.

### POWER SHUTOFF SLATED

Due to necessary repairs on the high line, the Pacific Power and Light company announces that the service in Heppner, Lexington and Ione will be interrupted for one hour Sunday, Dec. 20, being shut off from 10 a. m. until 11 a. m.

## Marines Silenced Superior Force in Tulagi Campaign

Marines of the American army battled against odds of four to one in their first encounter with the Japs on Gamrita and Tanabogo islands, seaplane bases of the enemy in the Tulagi area, stated Platoon Sgt. LeMoin Cox, who with Mrs. Cox, is visiting his father, Elbert Cox and family this week. Sgt. Cox was with the contingent that landed and assaulted the Japs Aug. 10 in the Solomon group. He was severely injured during the action and was hospitalized. He is enjoying a month's leave which is being divided between his family and Mrs. Cox's.

Sgt. Cox has been with the marines for six years and is a member of the First Parachute Battalion. His brother Nalbro likewise is a member of the marines, holding the rank of staff sergeant. A third brother, Lyle, is an aviation mechanic with the rank of seaman first class.

## Schools Dismissing Early for Holidays

At least three Morrow county schools will close Friday for the Christmas vacation, according to Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent. Those mentioned by Mrs. Rodgers are Boardman, Lexington and Heppner. If there are others closing this week they have not so indicated, she stated.

Schools closing this week will resume work Dec. 28, while those closing next week will reopen Jan. 4.

Illness among faculty members has made it expedient to close the Heppner school this week-end. Supt. G. A. Corwin has been wrestling with a teacher shortage for several weeks and is hopeful that some of the positions will be filled when school takes up on the 28th.

In view of the traffic congestion on the main arteries of travel, it is pointed out that it is not unwise to dismiss local schools earlier. State school vacation periods have been staggered to relieve passenger lines as much as possible over the holiday period, particularly the Christmas and New Year week-ends.

## AAA Committeemen Up for Election

County and community AAA committeemen for 1943 will be elected at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association at 2:00 p. m. Monday, Dec. 21 in the I. O. O. F. hall in Heppner.

Several subjects of interest to farmers throughout the county will be discussed following the election.

E. H. Miller, farm field man for this part of the state will be on hand to discuss the 1943 farm and range program and devote some time to a discussion of 1943 agricultural production goals.

Wheat loans and the feed wheat program, as well as machinery rationing, truck registration and labor problems will be discussed.

### JOINT INSTALLATION SLATED

Joint installation of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges will be held Monday evening, Dec. 21, starting with a banquet at 6 o'clock. At that time the following officers will be installed by the Star: Emma Evans, W. M.; Archie Ball, W. P.; Isom, Assoc. P.; Doris Ball, Con.; Anna Graham, Assoc. M.; Blaine Beulah Barko, Assoc. Con.; May Gilliam, secretary and Flora Nys, treasurer.

### A CHRISTMAS GREETING

That Peace may soon prevail on this earth and that I may help in a small way to accomplish this end, I am investing the cost of my customary Christmas cards in another War Bond and take this means of wishing every-one a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.  
12-15-42. Bert Johnson.

## Branch Line Cut To Thrice-a-Week Service by U. P.

### War Demands on Equipment, Men Cause, Officials Say

Beginning Jan. 3, 1943, train service on the Heppner branch of the of the Union Pacific will be cut to three times a week. This announcement was made to citizens along the branch by a group of railroad officials headed by T. J. Dowd, general freight agent, and including D. J. Callahan, assistant to the general manager; Lawrence W. Hobbs, general attorney; J. H. Cunningham, general agent with offices at Walla Walla, and H. L. Turner, secretary of the Oregon Railroad association.

The railroad representatives met with a group of Morrow county citizens at the Elks hall Friday morning when the new schedules for the Heppner and Condon branches were announced. Mr. Dowd, spokesman for the officials, stated that there was no thought of abandonment of the two branches, such as had been the case with the Shaniko line, but that due to the tremendous volume of war materials and the urgent transportation of fighting forces the railroad companies are being forced to conserve every piece of rolling stock and every ounce of manpower to meet the situation.

Under the new arrangement the train will leave Condon at 7 p. m. Saturday, arriving at Arlington at 10 p. m. This is to accommodate stock shipments from Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant counties. On Monday, departure time from Heppner will be 7 a. m., arrive at Arlington 10 a. m., and at Condon 4:30 p. m. Returning from Condon, the schedule is the same, except arrival at Heppner will be 3 p. m. The Saturday schedule is the only change throughout the week. Leaving time from Arlington will be 11:30 a. m.

Under the present set-up, the company is required to maintain four locomotives, two in operation and two in reserve. The new arrangement will permit removal of two locomotives and their crews as one larger locomotive will be put on to serve both branches.

Some doubt was expressed by local people attending the meeting as to the efficiency of the new service, particularly warehousemen and mill operators. They were assured that any congestion will be taken care of by special freights, or, as in the case of the Heppner mill, additional side track can be put in if shipments should increase.

When approached regarding the matter of passenger service, which in the light of gas rationing would probably increase train travel on the branches, the officials stated that passengers may be carried on the caboose as far as Arlington if train service is necessary. "Frankly, we are discouraging rail travel except in cases absolutely necessary," Mr. Dowd stated.

### WHEAT PRICE STABILIZED

An announcement by the local triple A office states the price of Commodity Credit owned feed wheat will remain at 91 cents per bushel until further notice. Feeders interested in obtaining this wheat contact their dealers and if he cannot supply the wheat, the local triple A office should be contacted.

### GO TO NORTH BEND

Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Patterson left Saturday morning for North Bend where Patterson will engage in sawmill work. He has been employed at the Ralph Thompson ranch for several years.